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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: LEASED BELL 206 HELICOPTERS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITMENT REPORTED REFTEL,
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ON DECEMBER 28 GAVE US FOLLOWING
WRITTEN ANSWERS (SUMMARIZED AND PARAPHRASED BY EMBASSY)
TO OUR EARLIER QUESTIONS CONCERNING LEASED BELL 206'S:

A. WILL THE US MAINTENANCE CREW BE EXEMPT FROM
PAYMENT OF MEXICAN INCOME TAXES DURING THEIR TIME IN
MEXICO? ANSWER: NO, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY MEXICAN
INCOME TAXES.

B. CAN SPARE PARTS BE IMPORTED DUTY FREE FROM THE
US OR WILL THEY HAVE TO BE PURCHASED IN MEXICO? ANSWER:
THOSE SPARE PARTS WHICH WILL BE USED IN MEXICO CAN BE
IMPORTED TEMPORARILY DUTY FREE; THOSE PARTS WHICH ARE NOT
USED EITHER CAN BE TURNED OVER TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
OR CAN BE RE-EXPORTED TO THE US.

C. CAN HELICOPTER FUEL BE SUPPLIED AT LESS THAN
RETAIL COST AND WILL THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY BE
GUARANTEED? ANSWER: THE FUEL WILL BE SUPPLIED AT THE
OFFICIAL PRICE AT 55 CENTAVOS PER LITER AND ITS
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AVAILABILITY WILL BE GUARANTEED.

D. WILL HANGAR OR PARKING SPACE BE AVAILABLE AND
WILL THERE BE FEES INVOLVED? ANSWER: THE ONLY HANGAR SPACE
AVAILABLE IS IN MEXICO CITY BUT GUARDED PARKING SPACES
ARE AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE AT NO COST.

E. WILL THERE BE LIGHTING IN THE HANGARS FOR
NIGHT MAINTENANCE AND WILL THERE BE LOCKED FACILITIES
FOR GUARDING VALUABLE TOOLS? ANSWER: LIGHTING
WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY IN THE MEXICO CITY HANGARS;
THERE IS SAFE STORAGE FOR SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE TOOLS.

F. WILL THE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL BE ON THE
CIVILIAN OR MILITARY ECONOMY SO FAR AS LODGING AND MEALS
ARE CONCERNED? ANSWER: FOOD AND LODGING FOR MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL MUST BE OBTAINED ON THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY.

G. WHO WILL ASSUME PUBLIC LIABILITY IN CASE OF
DISASTER? ANSWER: SINCE THE HELICOPTERS ARE THE
PROPERTY OF THE LESSOR, HE WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DAMAGE TO THE HELICOPTERS OR TO THIRD PARTIES.

H. WILL THERE BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING
AUTHORIZATION TO OVERFLY AND LAND IN MEXICO? ANSWER:
NO, THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN EITHER ENTERING
OR OVERFLYING MEXICO.
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